

Dear Housing Committee:

This is Lin Yang, a resident of Woodbridge. I am writing to oppose bill No 5205 FAIR RENT COMMISSIONS.

Keeping rent affordable probably is the definition of “being fair” that most will agree. An economy strictly regulated by government through endless laws, protocols and commissions, can never be cost efficient comparing to a market regulated by supply and demand. You simply can’t make anything “fair” by making it more costly to everyone.

We already have “Fair Rent Commissions” in most municipalities that has reasonable amount of rentals. There is so far no evidence that the existence of such committee has lowered the rent for the tenants. Quite on the contrary, CT stands as a state that has one of the highest rent/income ratios in the nation. We are already not affordable, aka not “FAIR”, partially due to the endless government regulation.

Towns of population fourteen thousand or above are often mid-sized towns where property tax are already very high and may have very few rental properties. Mandate of such will further add the fiscal burden to the town, and in turn, a financial burden to the tax payers, without any proven benefits.

I therefore urge you please to stop bills of such. This seems one of the bills that will make CT LESS affordable for all and expand our already gigantic Government bureaucracy.

With regards,

Lin Yang